

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that the Secretary should establish, implement, and maintain minimum standards necessary to ensure that an individual on duty or watch in a Coast Guard search and rescue command center facility does not work more than 12 hours in a 24-hour period, except in an emergency or unforeseen circumstances.

(c) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section, the term “search and rescue center facility” means a Coast Guard shore facility that maintains a search and rescue mission coordination and communications watch.

(Added Pub. L. 107-295, title IV, §405(a)(2), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2115; amended Pub. L. 111-207, §4(a)(3), July 27, 2010, 124 Stat. 2251.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 111-207 struck out subsec. (d). Text read as follows: “The Secretary shall provide a quarterly written report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, describing the status of implementation of the standards described in subsection (b), including a list of the facilities at which such standards have or have not been implemented.”

PRESCRIPTION OF STANDARDS

Pub. L. 107-295, title IV, §405(b), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2116, provided that: “The Secretary shall prescribe the standards required under section 675(a) [676(a)] of title 14, United States Code, as enacted by subsection (a) of this section, before January 1, 2003.”

§ 677. Turnkey selection procedures

(a) AUTHORITY TO USE.—The Secretary may use one-step turnkey selection procedures for the purpose of entering into contracts for construction projects.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) The term “one-step turnkey selection procedures” means procedures used for the selection of a contractor on the basis of price and other evaluation criteria to perform, in accordance with the provisions of a firm fixed-price contract, both the design and construction of a facility using performance specifications supplied by the Secretary.

(2) The term “construction” includes the construction, procurement, development, conversion, or extension of any facility.

(3) The term “facility” means a building, structure, or other improvement to real property.

(Added Pub. L. 109-241, title II, §205(a), July 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 521.)

§ 678. Aircraft accident investigations

(a) IN GENERAL.—Whenever the Commandant of the Coast Guard conducts an accident investigation of an accident involving an aircraft under the jurisdiction of the Commandant, the records and report of the investigation shall be treated in accordance with this section.

(b) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Commandant, upon request, shall publicly disclose unclassified tapes, scientific reports,

and other factual information pertinent to an aircraft accident investigation.

(2) CONDITIONS.—The Commandant shall only disclose information requested pursuant to paragraph (1) if the Commandant determines—

(A) that such tapes, reports, or other information would be included within and releasable with the final accident investigation report; and

(B) that release of such tapes, reports, or other information—

(i) would not undermine the ability of accident or safety investigators to continue to conduct the investigation; and

(ii) would not compromise national security.

(3) RESTRICTION.—A disclosure under paragraph (1) may not be made by or through officials with responsibility for, or who are conducting, a safety investigation with respect to the accident.

(c) OPINIONS REGARDING CAUSATION OF ACCIDENT.—Following an aircraft accident referred to in subsection (a)—

(1) if the evidence surrounding the accident is sufficient for the investigators who conduct the accident investigation to come to an opinion as to the cause or causes of the accident, the final report of the accident investigation shall set forth the opinion of the investigators as to the cause or causes of the accident; and

(2) if the evidence surrounding the accident is not sufficient for the investigators to come to an opinion as to the cause or causes of the accident, the final report of the accident investigation shall include a description of those factors, if any, that, in the opinion of the investigators, substantially contributed to or caused the accident.

(d) USE OF INFORMATION IN CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.—For purposes of any civil or criminal proceeding arising from an aircraft accident referred to in subsection (a), any opinion of the accident investigators as to the cause of, or the factors contributing to, the accident set forth in the accident investigation report may not be considered as evidence in such proceeding, nor may such report be considered an admission of liability by the United States or by any person referred to in such report.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

(1) the term “accident investigation” means any form of investigation by Coast Guard personnel of an aircraft accident referred to in subsection (a), other than a safety investigation; and

(2) the term “safety investigation” means an investigation by Coast Guard personnel of an aircraft accident referred to in subsection (a) that is conducted solely to determine the cause of the accident and to obtain information that may prevent the occurrence of similar accidents.

(Added Pub. L. 112-213, title II, §214(a), Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1553.)

CHAPTER 18—COAST GUARD HOUSING AUTHORITIES

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AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(c), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2920, substituted “Conveyance of real property” for “Conveyance or lease of existing property and facilities” in item 685 and struck out items 682 “Direct loans and loan guarantees”, 683 “Leasing of housing to be constructed”, 684 “Limited partnerships in eligible entities”, 686 “Assignment of members of the armed forces to housing units”, 687a “Differential lease payments”, and 689 “Expiration of authority”.

2004—Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §207(f), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1035, substituted “Direct loans and loan guarantees” for “Loan guarantees” in item 682 and “eligible” for “nongovernmental” in item 684 and added item 687a.

§ 680. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) The term “construct” means to build, renovate, or improve military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.

(2) The term “construction” means building, renovating, or improving military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.

(3) The term “military unaccompanied housing” means military housing intended to be occupied by members of the armed forces serving a tour of duty unaccompanied by dependents.

(4) The term “United States” includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3909; amended Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §207(a), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1034; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(a)(1), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-281 added pars. (1) and (2), redesignated former pars. (4) and (5) as (3) and (4), respectively, and struck out former pars. (1) to (3) which read as follows:

“(1) The term ‘construction’ means the construction of military housing units and ancillary supporting facilities or the improvement or rehabilitation of existing units or ancillary supporting facilities.

“(2) The term ‘contract’ includes any contract, lease, or other agreement entered into under the authority of this chapter.

“(3) The term ‘eligible entity’ means any private person, corporation, firm, partnership, or company and any State or local government or housing authority of a State or local government.”

2004—Pars. (3) to (5). Pub. L. 108-293 added par. (3) and redesignated former pars. (3) and (4) as (4) and (5), respectively.

SAVINGS CLAUSE

Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(b), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2920, provided that: “This section [amending this section and sections 681, 685, 687, and 688 of this title and repealing sections 682 to 684, 686, 687a, and 689 of this title] shall not affect any action commenced prior to the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 15, 2010].”

§ 681. General authority

(a) AUTHORITY.—In addition to any other authority providing for the acquisition or construction of military family housing or military unaccompanied housing, the Secretary may acquire or construct the following:

(1) Military family housing on or near Coast Guard installations within the United States and its territories and possessions.

(2) Military unaccompanied housing on or near such Coast Guard installations.

(b) LIMITATION ON APPROPRIATIONS.—No appropriation shall be made to acquire or construct military family housing or military unaccompanied housing under this chapter if that acquisition or construction has not been approved by resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3909; amended Pub. L. 107-295, title IV, §402(a), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2113; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(a)(2), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(2)(A), in introductory provisions, substituted “acquire or construct the following:” for “exercise any authority or any combination of authorities provided under this chapter in order to provide for the acquisition or construction by private persons, including a small business concern qualified under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)), of the following:”.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(2)(B), substituted “Military family housing” for “Family housing units”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(2)(C), substituted “Military unaccompanied housing” for “Unaccompanied housing units”.

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-295 inserted “, including a small business concern qualified under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)),” after “private persons” in introductory provisions.

[§§ 682 to 684. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-281, title II, § 221(a)(3), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919]

Section 682, added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3910; amended Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §207(b), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1034, related to direct loans and loan guarantees.

Section 683, added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3910, related to leasing of housing to be constructed.

Section 684, added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3911; amended Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §207(c), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1034, related to limited partnerships with eligible entities.

§ 685. Conveyance of real property

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may convey, at fair market value, real property, owned or under the administrative control of the Coast Guard, for the purpose of expending the proceeds from such conveyance to acquire and construct military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.

(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—

(1) The conveyance of real property under this section shall be by sale, for cash. The Sec-

retary shall deposit the proceeds from the sale in the Coast Guard Housing Fund established under section 687 of this title, for the purpose of expending such proceeds to acquire and construct military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.

(2) The conveyance of real property under this section shall not diminish the mission capacity of the Coast Guard, but further the mission support capability of the Coast Guard with regard to military family housing or military unaccompanied housing.

(c) RELATIONSHIP TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.—This section does not affect or limit the application of or obligation to comply with any environmental law, including section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)).

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3911; amended Pub. L. 106-400, §2, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1675; Pub. L. 107-217, §3(c)(4), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1299; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(a)(4), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919; Pub. L. 111-350, §5(c)(4), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3847.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 111-350, which directed substitution of “division C (except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41” for “title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 251 et seq.)” in subsec. (c)(1), could not be executed because of the prior general amendment of this section by Pub. L. 111-281. See 2010 Amendment note below.

2010—Pub. L. 111-281 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section authorized Secretary to convey or lease existing property and facilities under certain conditions.

2002—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 107-217, §3(c)(4)(A), substituted “Subtitle I of title 40 and title III of the” for “The” and “(41 U.S.C. 251 et seq.)” for “(40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.)”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 107-217, §3(c)(4)(B), substituted “Section 1302 of title 40” for “Section 321 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (commonly known as the Economy Act) (47 Stat. 412, chapter 314; 40 U.S.C. 303b)”.

2000—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 106-400 substituted “McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act” for “Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act”.

[§ 686. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-281, title II, § 221(a)(5), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919]

Section, added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3912; amended Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1087(g)(3)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-293, related to assignment of members of the armed forces to housing units.

§ 687. Coast Guard Housing Fund

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established on the books of the Treasury an account to be known as the Coast Guard Housing Fund (in this section referred to as the “Fund”).

(b) CREDITS TO FUND.—There shall be credited to the Fund the following:

(1) Amounts authorized for and appropriated to that Fund.

(2) Subject to subsection (e), any amounts that the Secretary transfers, in such amounts as provided in appropriation Acts, to that

Fund from amounts authorized and appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security or Coast Guard for the acquisition or construction of military family housing or military unaccompanied housing.

(3) Proceeds from the conveyance of property under section 685 of this title for the purpose of carrying out activities under this chapter with respect to military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.

(c) USE OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.—(1) In such amounts as provided in appropriations Acts, and except as provided in subsection (d), the Secretary may use amounts in the Coast Guard Housing Fund to carry out activities under this chapter with respect to military family housing and military unaccompanied housing, including—

(A) the planning, execution, and administration of the conveyance of real property;

(B) all necessary expenses, including expenses for environmental compliance and restoration, to prepare real property for conveyance; and

(C) the conveyance of real property.

(2) Amounts made available under this subsection shall remain available until expended.

(d) LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS.—The Secretary may not incur an obligation under a contract or other agreements entered into under this chapter in excess of the unobligated balance, at the time the contract is entered into, of the Fund required to be used to satisfy the obligation.

(e) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR TRANSFERS.—A transfer of appropriated amounts to the Fund under subsection (b)(2) of this section may be made only after the end of a 30-day period beginning on the date the Secretary submits written notice of, and justification for, the transfer to the appropriate committees of Congress.

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3912; amended Pub. L. 107-295, title IV, §402(b), (c), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2114; Pub. L. 107-296, title XVII, §1704(a), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2314; Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §207(d), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1034; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(a)(6), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919; Pub. L. 111-330, §1(2), Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3569.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(6)(A)(i), substituted “or military unaccompanied” for “or unaccompanied”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(6)(A)(ii), substituted “military family housing and” for “military family and” and struck out “or lease” after “conveyance” and “or facilities” after “property”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(6)(A)(iii), struck out par. (4) which read as follows: “Income from any activities under this chapter, including interest on loan guarantees made under section 682 of this title, income and gains realized from investments under section 684 of this title, and any return of capital invested as part of such investments.”

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(6)(B), as amended by Pub. L. 111-330, amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: “In such amounts as provided in appropriation Acts and except as provided in subsection (d), the Secretary may use amounts in the Coast Guard Housing Fund to carry out activities under this chapter with respect to military

family and military unaccompanied housing units, including activities required in connection with the planning, execution, and administration of contracts entered into under the authority of this chapter.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-281, § 221(a)(6)(C), struck out “or (b)(3)” after “subsection (b)(2)”.

Subsecs. (f), (g). Pub. L. 111-281, § 221(a)(6)(D), struck out subsecs. (f) and (g) which related to limitation on amount of budget authority and demonstration projects authorized, respectively.

2004—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 108-293, § 207(d)(1), substituted “Projects” for “Project” in heading.

Subsec. (g)(1). Pub. L. 108-293, § 207(2), (3), substituted “demonstration projects” for “a demonstration project” and “Kodiak, Alaska, or any other Coast Guard installation in Alaska;” for “Kodiak, Alaska;”.

Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 108-293, § 207(d)(4), substituted “such a demonstration project” for “the demonstration project”.

Subsec. (g)(4). Pub. L. 108-293, § 207(d)(5), substituted “such demonstration projects” for “the demonstration project”.

2002—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 107-296 substituted “of Homeland Security” for “of Transportation”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 107-295, § 402(b), substituted “\$40,000,000” for “\$20,000,000”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 107-295, § 402(c), added subsec. (g).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-330, § 1, Dec. 22, 2010, 124 Stat. 3569, provided that the amendment made by section 1(2) is effective with the enactment of Pub. L. 111-281.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective on the date of transfer of the Coast Guard to the Department of Homeland Security, see section 1704(g) of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

[§ 687a. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-281, title II, § 221(a)(7), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2920]

Section, added Pub. L. 108-293, title II, § 207(e), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1035, related to differential lease payments.

§ 688. Reports

The Secretary shall prepare and submit to Congress, concurrent with the budget submitted pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, a report identifying the contracts or agreements for the conveyance of properties pursuant to this chapter executed during the prior calendar year.

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, § 208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3913; amended Pub. L. 107-296, title XVII, § 1704(a), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2314; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, § 221(a)(8), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2920.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-281 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section required Secretary to include with the annual budget various reports and other materials in support of the budget.

2002—Par. (4). Pub. L. 107-296 substituted “of Homeland Security” for “of Transportation”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective on the date of transfer of the Coast Guard to the Department of Homeland Security, see section 1704(g) of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

FINAL REPORT

Pub. L. 104-324, title II, § 208(b), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3913, provided that: “Not later than March 1, 2000, the

Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall submit to the Congress a report on the use by the Secretary of the authorities provided by chapter 18 of title 14, United States Code, as added by subsection (a). The report shall assess the effectiveness of such authority in providing for the construction and improvement of military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.”

[§ 689. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-281, title II, § 221(a)(9), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2920]

Section, added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, § 208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3913; amended Pub. L. 107-295, title IV, § 402(d), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2114, provided that the authority to enter into a transaction under this chapter expired Oct. 1, 2007.

CHAPTER 19—ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND RESTORATION PROGRAM

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AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 112-213, title II, § 213(c)(2), Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1553, substituted “Annual list of projects to Congress” for “Annual Report to Congress” in item 693.

§ 690. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter—

(1) “environment”, “facility”, “person”, “release”, “removal”, “remedial”, and “response” have the same meaning they have in section 101 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601);

(2) “hazardous substance” has the same meaning it has in section 101 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601), except that it also includes the meaning given “oil” in section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321); and

(3) “pollutant” has the same meaning it has in section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362).

(Added Pub. L. 101-225, title II, § 222(a), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1917.)

§ 691. Environmental Compliance and Restoration Program

(a) The Secretary shall carry out a program of environmental compliance and restoration at current and former Coast Guard facilities.

(b) Program goals include:

(1) Identifying, investigating, and cleaning up contamination from hazardous substances and pollutants.

(2) Correcting other environmental damage that poses an imminent and substantial danger to the public health or welfare or to the environment.

(3) Demolishing and removing unsafe buildings and structures, including buildings and structures at former Coast Guard facilities.

(4) Preventing contamination from hazardous substances and pollutants at current Coast Guard facilities.